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BUTLER, MO.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

Sept. 12, 1888.

Barum's big show is advertised at Harrisonville September 22. H. C. Wyatt is attending the G. A. R. reunion in Ohio.

The little son of Hamilton Herrell was buried last Wednesday. The cause of death was diphtheria, which is prevalent over the city.

Mrs. J. C. McConnell and daughter left the last of the week for Ohio, where they are visiting relatives.

C. C. Duke has taken charge of the post office. N. A. Wade stepped down and out Wednesday.

The union labor party has nominated the following county ticket: Representative, J. N. Hendrickson; sheriff, A. L. Bailey; prosecuting attorney, W. O. Atkeson; treasurer, Dr. G. M. Risley; coroner, L. Osborn; surveyor, G. E. Garner; judge north district, W. M. Finley; judge south district, M. Ryan.

Ross Kennedy, foreman and local editor of the Democrat has received an appointment as railway mail clerk.

Chas. Ewin, the Watermelon King, of Deepwater township, has on exhibition at the Kansas City Exposition five watermelons, the combined weight of which is 322 pounds.

There was an epidemic of diphtheria sweeping through Butler and the supposed cause was the lack of proper sanitary precautions and a large amount of space was devoted to urging the people to clean up the alleys and back yards of the city.

200 persons left Butler Saturday night on a special train for the G. A. R. encampment in Ohio and various trips through the east.

Ira W. McConnell, son of J. C. McConnell, of this city, has received an appointment as cadet to the United States military academy at West Point.

New Draft Law Will Permit Many Exemptions.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.—Much broader grounds for the establishment of claims for exemption from military service are provided in new regulations now being worked out by Provost Marshal General Crowder to govern the classification of men between 18 and 45, who will register September 12.

Important modifications are based upon the change of a few words in the original draft law made in passing the new man-power act.

The term "industrial occupation" is eliminated and the law now provides persons may be given deferred classification when engaged "in occupation or employment, including agriculture, which can be established as necessary to the military establishment or to the maintenance of the national interest."

This section, officials pointed out today, with the regulations governing it, will be to definitely allow district exemption boards to exempt bankers and essential bank employees, men engaged in necessary commercial enterprise, and necessary workers for Red Cross and kindred organizations.

The organizations will not attempt specifically to define the status of registrants who shall be entitled to exemption, but will allow the boards to work out the details after the authorization has been given them.

Physicians Register for War Service.

A well attended meeting of the physicians of Bates county was held in the Circuit Court room Thursday afternoon of last week for the purpose of registering, or in other words, volunteering their services to the government for duty wherever they might be assigned. The following registered:

Butler—Drs. T. E. Lockwood, E. N. Chastain, E. G. Zey, G. W. Berry, J. M. Christy, T. W. Foster, T. J. Halsey, S. W. Maxey, John Crabtree, Jno. Newton and T. C. Boulware.

Adrian—Drs. S. L. Bates, J. Todd, W. P. Hall and W. H. Tuttle.

Prairie City—Dr. W. B. Reynolds.

Rich Hill—Drs. G. A. Delameter, Claude Allen, G. G. Lane, W. H. Allen, R. R. Shaffer and D. F. Smalley.

Hume—Drs. W. A. Williams and C. Bott.

Rockville—Drs. T. W. Gray and T. A. Finley.

Spruce—Dr. T. E. Fletcher.

Ballard—Dr. C. J. Stepp.

Foster—Dr. L. Rhodes.

President Saves 10 Negro Rioters From the Noose.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.—Death sentences of 10 negro soldiers who participated in the riot at Houston, Tex., August 23, 1917, have been commuted to life imprisonment by President Wilson.

In six other cases the President affirmed the death sentences because the condemned men had been found guilty of having deliberately and with great cruelty murdered civilians.

This action, announced today by the War Department, concludes the cases of 29 negroes given the death penalty for their part in the riot. Thirteen were executed and the President was called upon to review the findings in 16 cases.

The President found that the 10 whose sentences he commuted had not been convicted of personally and directly causing deaths. The soldiers involved were not named in the War Department's statement.

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20 2-year-old Hereford heifers, bred.
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Briton Frees Cat Nailed to Door, Slain by Hun Bomb.

London, September 7.—The Morning Post publishes the following incident which occurred during the recent advance of the British troops through a French town just evacuated by the Germans, and which shows the fiendish ingenuity and heartless cruelty of the enemy:

On the door of one of the houses was found a kitten, hanging by its forepaws, which had been nailed to the door. The suffering animal, which might have been there at least an hour, was mewing piteously in its agony and struggling desperately with its hindlegs to release itself.

With a natural instinct of pity for suffering dumb animals, one British soldier started immediately to release the kitten. He pulled out the nails that pierced its paws.

The moment he did so there was a flash and a roar and his mutilated dismembered body was flung across the street. The withdrawal of the nails had set off a hidden charge of explosives.

The retreating Germans had baited the trap with the kitten, calculating that such an appeal to British humanity would be irresistible; and they were right.

"Nothing," says the correspondent, "more typical of the devilish ingenuity of the German mind has been encountered in a long while."

Roundup is Planned of Draft Delinquents.

Jefferson City, Mo., September 5.—A general roundup Monday, September 10, of all who fail to register Thursday, September 12, has been suggested by Lieut. Col. J. H. McCord, selective service officer, and will be carried out through the County Councils of Defense, sheriffs and law officers of the various counties, cities and townships.

This roundup will include the sick who are unable to get to registration places, those unavoidably prevented from registering, willful draft dodgers and delinquents of all classes.

The penalty for willfully failing to register ranges between immediate induction into service and a term in prison.

Captured Germans May be Brought to America.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 6.—Publication today of orders providing for a substantial increase in the corps of interpreters of the army, revived reports of plans for bringing to America large numbers of Germans captured on the western front.

The new orders provide that, in addition to the commissioned personnel of the Interpreter Corps, already authorized, there will be "one First Lieutenant, one Second Lieutenant and one Sergeant for each 500 prisoners of war interned in the United States."

No New Buildings Until After the War.

Orders were issued at Washington last week that no new buildings may be erected in the United States until after the war, unless a permit be first obtained from the State Council of Defense of the State in which it is proposed to erect the building. Applications for permits may be made either to the State or National Council of Defense. The action was taken to curb unnecessary building and to conserve man power.

CUT OFF BEER DECEMBER 1

President Wilson Decees Cessation of Brewing and Purchase of Unmalted Grains.

Washington, Sept. 6.—President Wilson tonight decreed the cessation of the brewing of beer and all other malt liquors on December 1, next, and the immediate suspension of the purchase of unmalted grains for brewing.

The step is based upon the need of conserving grain for stock feed, the supply of which has been diminished by drought; of conserving fuel; of lessening the transportation burden of the railways, and of diverting the labor of nonessential industry to use incidental to the conduct of the war.

As a result of the President's action the supply of malt liquors is likely to be exhausted before the country goes bone dry July 1, next, for the period of the war, under the terms of the bill passed by the Senate today.

The manufacturers of soft drinks and other beverages and the bottlers of mineral waters are also warned that they also will suffer curtailment of fuel and containers. Breweries and other plants thus put out of business will be utilized by the government, so far as possible, for war purposes.

Near Beer to Go, Too.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Manufacturers of near beers and substitutes for beer, which have developed a flourishing business in prohibition territory, it was said officially today, are just as much affected by the decision to cut off brewing of beer as those who make beer.

Millions of dollars have been invested in the business. One of the largest breweries in the country recently erected an additional million dollar plant solely for the brewing of this beverage.

The principal uses breweries can be converted to are the manufacture of ice, cold storage, making of yeast for baking, rolling barley and grinding grains for mill feed. All these purposes would likely be considered essential to the war or to the civil population.

MISSOURI NOTES

The St. Louis police one night last week arrested 100 men suspected of being draft evaders.

It is thought that the new military zone rule will close more than 300 saloons in Kansas City.

Out of over 1800 doctors in St. Louis fewer than 100 have registered for service in the army.

C. Palmer of Vernon county has been notified by the War Department that his son, Ralph Palmer, has been killed in France. Palmer has given four sons to the army. The fifth son will be in the new registration.

Sedalia's war bond drive to complete its quota of \$130,000 closed Thursday with a total of almost \$150,000. The employees of the Missouri Pacific Railroad shops pledged \$12,100 and those of the Katy shops \$10,500.

Notwithstanding that there are more students enrolled in the Sheldon High School this year than last, there is a decrease of 22 in the entire school. The principal falling off is in the primary grade, there being but four, three boys and one girl, in that class.

It is estimated that the daylight saving law which was inaugurated March 31, when the clocks were turned up one hour, will save the city of St. Louis alone \$225,000 according to officials of that city. The clocks will be set ahead again the last of October.

B. Adler, president of the B. Adler Millinery company of Kansas City, is charged with violating the immigration law by inducing two young French girls to leave their home in France and come to the United States, in an action instituted by the district attorney's office in the federal court.

Among the young men who registered at Platt City Saturday as having reached the age of 21 since June was a young fellow who is married and has three children. It is claimed any man who has three children and is scarcely past 21 is a valuable fellow and should be allowed to stay at home.—St. Joseph Observer.

M. L. Golladay, of Johnson county, whose house was recently striven with yellow paint, has applied to the United States court at Kansas City for protection. Several residences in Holden, including that of the postmaster have been given a coat of yellow paint one night recently, according to the Johnson county papers.

Two girls, 7 and 8 years old were delivered by parcel post by the new motor mail service, to relatives in Springfield last week. The girls are Josephine McCall and Iris Carter. They were "posted" at Red Top, addressed to their aunt in that city. The postage required to move the delivery of the two packages was \$1.43.

The two tow boats and nine barges which were built some years ago for service on the Missouri river have been sold to the government for use on the Missouri river. The boats were built with the object of lowering freight rates between St. Louis and Kansas City, but after a hard fight the backers of the project were forced to give up and sell the boats.

Go to It Cass County.

I have been told by a Bates county citizen that their local military board has reclassified some of their "slackers" recently, and placed them where they rightfully belonged a year ago. We do have to see old Cass behind the times, but here's hoping she comes in second to Bates, and immediately attend to some of our own slackers. It certainly does make a fellow feel "spunky" to go along the street and see fellows lounging around who should be in France, and still "spunkier" when we think of our 1018 boys who have gone to fill up the vacancies occasioned by the "letting off" of these same loungers, who are more than willing that these shall fill up the vacancies, and also that the brave boys across the waters shall stand between them and the foe. They are not worth the powder and lead it would take to rid the world of such worthless pieces of humanity.—Archie Correspondence in the Cass County Democrat.

Allays Cotton Men's Alarm.

Atlanta, Sept. 6.—There is no occasion for alarm over the agitation to fix cotton prices, according to a telegram received here tonight by William J. Harris from President Wilson. The message was sent in reply to one Mr. Harris had sent earlier in the day calling the President's attention to the apprehension of many persons over the situation and protesting in the interest of the farmers to such a movement.

ATTACKED U. S. TRANSPORT

Although Mt. Vernon Was Torpedoed She Reached Port Safely.

Washington, Sept. 6.—News reached the Navy Department today that the American transport Mount Vernon, homeward bound, has been torpedoed by an enemy submarine two hundred miles off the French Coast, but had turned back and arrived safely at a French port.

The Mount Vernon formerly was the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie. She had no military unit on board and is supposed to have carried only a small number of casuals, in addition to her crew.

The Mount Vernon, early in the war, while still under German control, started to dash across the Atlantic with a cargo of gold, but put back to Bar Harbor, where she was libeled. This kept her on the American side until the United States declared war, when she was taken over as a troopship.